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TO: School District Superintendents

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DATE: November 12, 2012

SUBJECT: School Safety Anonymous Tip Line Cards

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE

There are many ways to communicate the message of the statewide anonymous tip line to students; providing reminder cards is one of them. It is important that students have a way to speak out to warn others about danger or provide information that will help solve a crime--without fear of intimidation or unintended consequence.

Therefore, we ask you to take the following simple steps:

- 1. Distribute the WeTip cards when you receive them to students in the middle school, junior high, and high school levels. (They should arrive within days of this memo and a copy of this memo should accompany them.)
- 2. Have staff explain the importance of the tip line and that it is safe to use. There has never been a breach of anonymity in its 40 years of existence.
- 3. Ensure that there is a WeTip poster in each classroom.
- 4. Let us know if you need any assistance. We have additional posters.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me at <u>bruce.hayes@wyo.gov</u> or 307-777-6198. Thank you for your efforts to keep students safe.